

proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3206, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3206) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 15, 2007, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3206) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROGER W. SANT

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 7 and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 7) providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating to the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 7) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S.J. RES. 7

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring because of the expiration of the term of Roger W. Sant of Washington, D.C., as filled by the reappointment of Roger W. Sant, for a term of 6 years, effective October 25, 2007.*

#### PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA Q. STONESIFER

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 8 and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating to the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S.J. RES. 8

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring because of the expiration of the term of Patricia Q. Stonesifer of Washington, is filled by the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer, for a term of 6 years, effective December 22, 2007.*

#### PEACEKEEPING MISSION IN DARFUR, SUDAN

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 276, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 276) calling for the urgent deployment of a robust and effective multinational peacekeeping mission with sufficient size, resources, leadership and mandate to protect civilians in Darfur, Sudan, and efforts to strengthen renewal of a just and conclusive peace process.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. TESTER. I ask unanimous consent the amendment to the resolution be agreed to, the resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the amendment to the preamble, which is at the desk, be considered and agreed to, the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, and that any statements related thereto be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2591) was agreed to, as follows:

On page 8, line 9, strike "and".

On page 8, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

(5) urges all participants in the conflict in Darfur, including the leaders of rebel movements that were not signatories to the Darfur Peace Agreement, to participate fully in all meetings, conferences, and discussions

within a political process led by the United Nations and African Union in order to return peace and security to the people of Darfur;

(6) regards failure to participate in such meetings, conferences, and discussions, as requested by the African Union and United Nations, as an obstruction of the political process and its goals that may be worthy of international sanctions; and

On page 8, line 10, strike "(5)" and insert "(7)".

The resolution (S. Res. 276), as amended, was agreed to.

The amendment to the preamble (No. 2592) was agreed to, as follows:

Purpose: (To urge all participants in the conflict in Darfur to engage in a political process led by the United Nations and African Union, to express disapproval of failure to participate in such political process, and for other purposes)

In the twelfth whereas clause, insert "and members of his administration" after "al-Bashir".

Strike the seventeenth whereas clause and insert the following:

Whereas the United Nations and African Union have invited leaders of the rebel movements in Darfur to participate in a political process led by the United Nations and African Union to return peace and stability to the people of Darfur;

Whereas deliberately targeting civilians and people providing humanitarian assistance during an armed conflict is a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law, and those who commit such violations must be held accountable; and

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows: (The resolution will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

#### NATIONAL FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY

Mr. TESTER. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to consideration of S. Res. 285, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 285) designating September 9, 2007, as "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. TESTER. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 285) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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Whereas the term "fetal alcohol spectrum disorders" includes a broader range of conditions and therefore has replaced the term "fetal alcohol syndrome" as the umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy;

Whereas fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are the leading cause of cognitive disability in western civilization, including the United States, and are 100 percent preventable;

Whereas fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are a major cause of numerous social disorders, including learning disabilities, school failure, juvenile delinquency, homelessness, unemployment, mental illness, and crime;

Whereas the incidence rate of fetal alcohol syndrome is estimated at 1 out of 500 live births and the incidence rate of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders is estimated at 1 out of every 100 live births;

Whereas, although the economic costs of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are difficult to estimate, the cost of fetal alcohol syndrome alone in the United States was \$5,400,000,000 in 2003 and it is estimated that each individual with fetal alcohol syndrome will cost taxpayers of the United States between \$1,500,000 and \$3,000,000 in his or her lifetime;

Whereas, in February 1999, a small group of parents of children who suffer from fetal alcohol spectrum disorders came together with the hope that in 1 magic moment the world could be made aware of the devastating consequences of alcohol consumption during pregnancy;

Whereas the first International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day was observed on September 9, 1999;

Whereas Bonnie Buxton of Toronto, Canada, the co-founder of the first International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day, asked "What if . . . a world full of FAS/E [Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effect] parents all got together on the ninth hour of the ninth day of the ninth month of the year and asked the world to remember that during the 9 months of pregnancy a woman should not consume alcohol . . . would the rest of the world listen?"; and

Whereas on the ninth day of the ninth month of each year since 1999, communities around the world have observed International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 9, 2007, as "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day"; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States—

(A) to observe National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day with appropriate ceremonies—

(i) to promote awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol;

(ii) to increase compassion for individuals affected by prenatal exposure to alcohol;

(iii) to minimize further effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol; and

(iv) to ensure healthier communities across the United States; and

(B) to observe a moment of reflection on the ninth hour of September 9, 2007, to remember that during the 9 months of pregnancy a woman should not consume alcohol.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF FIREFIGHTERS

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 286, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 286) recognizing the heroic efforts of firefighters to contain numerous wildfires throughout the Western United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor of the thousands of firefighters who, in recent weeks, have literally put themselves in the line of fire to protect our communities and rural economies from countless wildfires throughout the western United States.

For the second year in a row, western States have been plagued by continuous wildfires that far exceed those of average years. While July and August are typically considered the peak months for western wildfires, this year's fire season has been exacerbated by continued drought, record-high temperatures, widespread dry lightning storms, and high winds. As of July 23, more than 55,000 wildfires had been reported this year, burning over 4 million acres. That represents an increase of more than 8,000 fires and 1 million acres over the 10-year average.

My home State of Utah alone has reported nearly 700 separate wildfires that have burned nearly 700,000 acres. This includes the fire at the Milford Flats Complex, which burned more than 360,000 acres, easily making it Utah's largest wildfire on record and one of the largest of this year's fire season. Idaho is the only State that has been hit harder than Utah this fire season, reporting more than 700 fires that have burned more than 800,000 acres.

Utah and Idaho have not been alone in this recent spike of wildfire activity. The Milford Flats fire was ignited during a 3-day period that lasted from July 6th through July 8th, at time period in which more than 1,200 wildfires were ignited in the West as dry lightning storms swept across California, Nevada, Utah, and Southern Idaho. Despite these drastic conditions, Federal, State and local fire crews have been relentless in their efforts to control these wildfires, literally putting themselves between these infernos and our homes, our communities, and our resources.

I also want to express my heartfelt sympathies towards the hundreds of communities and thousands of families affected by this year's fires. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they begin the difficult task of cleaning up and returning their lives to normal.

At any given time, as many as 15,000 fire personnel are assigned to large, uncontained wildfires throughout the West. This year, and every year, these brave men and women overcome extremely volatile weather conditions and terrain to contain nearly 98 percent of all wildfires during their initial attack. That is why I am introducing a Senate Resolution recognizing the heroic efforts of firefighters to contain these dangerous fires in the West. Senators BENNETT, ENSIGN, WYDEN, DOMENICI, KYL, BARASSO, SALAZAR, CRAIG, and CANTWELL have joined me in cosponsoring this resolution. Clearly, this Senate Resolution already has strong bipartisan support, and I urge my remaining colleagues to lend their support.

Mr. TESTER. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 286) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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Whereas the annual peak of the Western wildfire season occurs during July and August;

Whereas the 2007 Western wildfire season has been characterized by continued drought, record-setting temperatures, extreme fuel conditions, and widespread dry lightning storms;

Whereas firefighters have had to contend with extreme fire behavior and rapid rates of fire spread;

Whereas, as of July 23, 2007, more than 55,000 wildfires have burned more than 4,000,000 acres of land, which is more than 8,000 fires and 1,000,000 acres higher than the average reported fire rate over the last 10 years;

Whereas, from July 6 through July 8, 2007, more than 1,200 fires were ignited in the Western United States, most of which were caused by dry lightning storms that swept across California, Nevada, Idaho, and Utah;

Whereas, as of July 23, 2007—

(1) the State of Idaho has reported more than 760 fires that have burned more than 800,000 acres;

(2) the State of Utah has reported more than 670 fires that have burned more than 660,000 acres;

(3) the State of Nevada has reported more than 560 fires that have burned more than 510,000 acres;

(4) the State of Oregon has reported more than 1,200 fires that have burned nearly 212,000 acres;

(5) the State of California has reported more than 4,600 fires that have burned more than 117,000 acres;

(6) the State of Arizona has reported more than 1,600 fires that have burned more than 88,000 acres;

(7) the State of Washington has reported more than 680 fires that have burned more than 64,000 acres;

(8) the State of New Mexico has reported more than 870 fires that have burned nearly 35,000 acres;

(9) the State of Montana has reported more than 960 fires that have burned more than 19,000 acres;

(10) the State of Wyoming has reported more than 200 fires that have burned more than 18,000 acres; and

(11) the State of Colorado has reported more than 740 fires that have burned more than 7,400 acres;

Whereas, at any given time during the Western wildfire season, as many as 14,000 firefighters are assigned to large, uncontained fires throughout the Western United States; and

Whereas, despite tremendously volatile weather and terrain conditions, Federal, State, and local firefighting units have contained between 95 and 98 percent of all wildfires during initial attack; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the heroic efforts of firefighters to contain wildfires and protect lives, homes, and rural economies throughout the Western United States; and

(2) encourages the people and government officials of the United States to express their